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In re PATENT APPLICATION OF

KIKUCHI et al.

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Title: RECORDING RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING DEVICE AND
RECORDING RATE AUTOMATIC SETTING RECORDING METHOD

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within 3-months of the filing date of this application.

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Consideration of the foregoing and enclosures plus the return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with the Examiner's initials in the left column per MPEP 609 are earnestly solicited along with an early action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,



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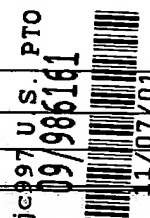
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